

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted November 29-December 1, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.4\%$

1. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...?

Most of the time	45%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

2. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	12%

3. How much have you read or heard about the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya in 2012 that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya?

Heard a lot	47%
Heard a little	33%
Heard nothing at all	14%
Not sure	5%

4. Do you think the Congressional investigations into the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya....?

Are mostly a serious attempt to find out what really happened	23%
Are mostly a politically-motivated attempt to embarrass the Administration	30%
Are about equally-motivated by both of these	22%
Not sure	24%

5. Do you think the Obama administration...

	Yes	No	Not sure
Ordered the CIA to stand down in Benghazi prior to the attack on the consulate	29%	26%	45%
Created phony talking points for UN Ambassador Susan Rice	34%	29%	37%
Did all it could at the time to save Americans in the consulate	29%	44%	28%

6. How much have you read or heard about the House Intelligence Committee report about the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi?

Heard a lot	20%
Heard a little	45%
Heard nothing at all	27%
Not sure	8%

7. Based on what you know, which of the following is closer to your opinion on information released to the public about the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Libya back in 2012?

The Obama Administration deliberately misled the American people	41%
The Obama Administration shared facts as they became available	30%
Not sure	29%

8. How confident are you that the Obama Administration and the U.S. Department of State are taking the right steps to prevent future attacks like the one on the U.S. Consulate in Libya?

Very confident	14%
Somewhat confident	27%
Not very confident	20%
Not at all confident	25%
Not sure	14%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

Approve strongly	14%
Approve somewhat	18%
Disapprove somewhat	12%
Disapprove strongly	33%
Not sure	24%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama’s handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

Approve strongly	14%
Approve somewhat	20%
Disapprove somewhat	11%
Disapprove strongly	34%
Not sure	20%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Lindsey Graham?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	17%
Don’t know	51%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Lindsey Graham is handling his job as a US Senator from South Carolina?

Approve strongly	6%
Approve somewhat	14%
Disapprove somewhat	15%
Disapprove strongly	16%
Not sure	50%

13. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Lindsey Graham, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder	12%
About the same	30%
Easier	13%
Not sure	44%

14. Do you think Lindsey Graham...

Says what he believes	19%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	33%
Not sure	47%

15. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Lindsey Graham as a person?

Like a lot	6%
Like somewhat	20%
Dislike	18%
Not sure	56%

16. Regardless of your overall opinion of Lindsey Graham, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	12%
No	40%
Not sure	48%

17. Regardless of your overall opinion of Lindsey Graham, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	16%
No	29%
Not sure	54%

18. How much do you think Lindsey Graham cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	7%
Some	30%
Not much	33%
Not at all	31%

19. Do you think Lindsey Graham has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

More honesty	10%
Same level of honesty	33%
Less honesty	18%
Not sure	39%

20. Are you confident in Lindsey Graham's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	14%
Uneasy	35%
Not sure	50%

21. Would you say Lindsey Graham is...

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	14%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	16%
Not sure	46%

22. Do you think Lindsey Graham will run for President in 2016?

Yes	10%
No	28%
Not sure	62%

23. Do you want Lindsey Graham to run for President in 2016?

Yes	8%
No	43%
Not sure	49%

24. How likely is it that Lindsey Graham will win if he chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	9%
Not very likely	21%
Not likely at all	24%
Not sure	44%

25. How intelligent is Lindsey Graham?

Very intelligent	15%
Somewhat intelligent	25%
Not very intelligent	9%
Not intelligent at all	4%
Not sure	47%

26. How would you describe Lindsey Graham's social class now?

Wealthy	33%
Upper middle class	18%
Middle class	3%
Lower middle class	2%
Poor	1%
Not sure	43%

27. Do you think the health care reform law should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	46%
Not sure	13%

28. From all that you know now, has the health care reform law been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

A complete failure	21%
More of a failure than a success	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	17%
More of a success than a failure	22%
A complete success	3%
Too early to tell	5%
Not sure	8%

29. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased over the last 12 months?

Increased	48%
Remained the same	13%
Decreased	18%
Don't know	20%

30. Do you think the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase by more or less than they usually do?

The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase more than they usually do 50%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people 15%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do 15%
Not sure 20%

31. Do you have health insurance?

Yes 82%
No 18%

32. Did you have health insurance for all of 2013?

Yes 76%
No 24%

33. Is there anyone in your family with whom you have serious political disagreements?

Yes 30%
No 63%
Prefer not to say 7%

34. Has a political disagreement ever hurt your relationship with at least one close family member?

Yes 11%
No 85%
Prefer not to say 4%

35. Is there anyone in your family whom you have shouted at or have been shouted at over a political disagreement?

Yes 16%
No 81%
Prefer not to say 2%

36. Have you ever had Thanksgiving ruined by a political argument within your family?

Yes 6%
No 92%
Prefer not to say 2%

37. Was this year's Thanksgiving ruined by a political argument within your family?

Yes 3%
No 95%
Prefer not to say 2%

38. Do think liberals or conservatives behave more abrasively when discussing politics?

Liberals are more abrasive 25%
They're both about the same 40%
Conservatives are more abrasive 19%
Not sure 16%

39. Have you heard about different protests disrupting holiday shopping on Black Friday?

Yes 65%
No 30%
Don't remember 6%

40. Do you support or oppose the following Black Friday protests?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
Walmart workers demanding improved working conditions	55%	28%	18%
Protests against the grand jury decision in the Michael Brown case in Ferguson, Missouri	28%	54%	18%

41. Did you go shopping on "Black Friday" (the day after Thanksgiving, when many stores and retail chains offer discounts)?

Yes	21%
No	79%

42. When did you go shopping on "Black Friday"?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

Thursday morning (Thanksgiving Day)	2%
Thursday evening (Thanksgiving Day)	27%
Friday at midnight	5%
Friday morning	31%
After Friday morning	35%

43. How much did you spend on "Black Friday"?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

Less than \$50	24%
\$50-\$100	21%
\$100-\$250	22%
\$250-\$500	14%
More than \$500	12%
Prefer not to say	7%

44. Did you spend more or less than you expected?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

More than I expected	18%
About what I expected	67%
Less than I expected	15%

45. Do you think the Black Friday bargains were better or worse than last year?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

Better than last year	13%
About the same as last year	52%
Worse than last year	16%
I didn't shop during Black Friday last year	19%

46. Was your holiday shopping disrupted by any protests?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

Yes	5%
No	93%
Don't remember	2%

47. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	21%	2%	1%
Immigration	49%	31%	13%	6%
The environment	44%	30%	17%	8%
Terrorism	55%	29%	12%	4%
Gay rights	19%	25%	23%	32%
Education	55%	33%	9%	4%
Health care	65%	29%	5%	1%
Social security	62%	30%	6%	2%
The budget deficit	54%	33%	9%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	45%	21%	6%
Taxes	56%	35%	8%	2%
Medicare	52%	33%	11%	3%
Abortion	34%	32%	19%	14%
Foreign policy	37%	45%	14%	4%

48. Which of these is the **most** important issue for you?

The economy	28%
Immigration	9%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	2%
Education	9%
Health care	9%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	1%

49. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Barack Obama	23%	21%	11%	41%	4%
Joe Biden	15%	24%	16%	33%	12%
John Boehner	7%	17%	22%	31%	22%
Mitch McConnell	6%	17%	15%	29%	32%
Harry Reid	4%	15%	14%	36%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	18%	15%	43%	17%

50. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	15%	23%	13%	21%	28%
Chris Christie	10%	19%	24%	26%	21%
Paul Ryan	15%	18%	15%	25%	28%
Jeb Bush	11%	23%	19%	24%	23%
Mike Huckabee	17%	19%	13%	23%	28%
Marco Rubio	13%	17%	16%	21%	34%
Hillary Clinton	22%	24%	12%	35%	6%
Elizabeth Warren	18%	12%	12%	18%	41%
Ted Cruz	14%	15%	10%	31%	30%
Scott Walker	15%	12%	10%	20%	44%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	7%	9%	8%	72%
Rick Perry	11%	18%	14%	28%	28%
Bernie Sanders	13%	8%	10%	14%	54%
Martin O'Malley	3%	8%	9%	9%	71%
Jim Webb	4%	8%	12%	9%	66%
Mitt Romney	16%	22%	18%	30%	13%

51. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	4%

52. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
The economy	17%	24%	13%	38%	8%
Immigration	20%	18%	9%	42%	11%
The environment	17%	24%	14%	27%	18%
Terrorism	14%	29%	14%	32%	12%
Gay rights	17%	21%	11%	28%	23%
Education	13%	28%	14%	29%	16%
Health care	22%	21%	11%	39%	7%
Social security	14%	23%	11%	33%	19%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	25%	18%	32%	13%
The budget deficit	13%	24%	13%	38%	12%
Taxes	12%	27%	15%	32%	14%
Medicare	17%	23%	12%	31%	17%
Abortion	13%	22%	10%	29%	26%
Foreign policy	12%	24%	14%	36%	14%

53. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	10%

54. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	37%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	9%

55. Would you say Barack Obama is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	24%
Very weak	33%

56. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%
Not sure	12%

57. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	32%
Not sure	10%

58. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	43%	34%	24%
Bold	25%	57%	18%
Effective	19%	49%	32%
Exciting	13%	64%	23%
Experienced	16%	55%	29%
Honest	24%	39%	37%
Hypocritical	38%	42%	20%
Inspiring	27%	48%	25%
Intelligent	50%	34%	16%
Partisan	25%	63%	12%
Patriotic	21%	46%	33%
Religious	12%	57%	31%
Sincere	24%	45%	31%
Steady	22%	58%	20%
Strong	21%	48%	31%

59. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	1%

60. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	29%
Don't know	2%

61. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

Not a registered voter	31%
The Democratic Party candidate	25%
The Republican Party candidate	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	1%

62. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the member of the US House of Representatives that represents your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	20%

63. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	23%
About the same	40%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	5%

64. Six months from now, do you think there will be...

More jobs	15%
The same amount of jobs	44%
Fewer jobs	26%
Not sure	14%

65. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	2%
Military Household - Family	7%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	38%
Military Household - None	48%

66. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

67. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	21%
Neither support, nor oppose	17%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	16%

68. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	25%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

69. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

70. Race

White	68%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

71. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	24%
South	38%
West	21%

72. Party Identification

Democratic	35%
Independent	34%
Republican	31%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 29-December 1, 2014
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0 to 4.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.02.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.